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## Long Beach – One City

### Long Beach Celebrates a Season for Non-Violence

In January 2007, the City Council passed a resolution to recognize the national *Season for Non-Violence* (January 30 - April 4), a 64-day campaign dedicated to demonstrating how non-violence can powerfully heal, transform and empower lives and communities. Inspired by the 50th and 30th anniversaries of the deaths of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the campaign honors their vision for an empowered, non-violent world.



"Long Beach is the most diverse large city in the nation. We are proud of our diversity and believe that it gives us strength as a community," said Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster.

Residents are encouraged to participate in various special events, coordinated by community groups and leaders, to be held in Long Beach during the *Season for Non-Violence*. Visit [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov) for more details.

## Human Dignity Program

As a community resource, the City of Long Beach Human Dignity Program demonstrates the City's commitment to cultural diversity by helping to educate the community about cultural awareness and inclusion through community harmony events, education and training. Services include the *Inter-Group Conflict Resolution Team* to mediate conflict between diverse groups, and the *Hate Crime Response Team* to assist victims of hate crimes or bias incidents. For more information, or to find out how you can get involved, call 570.6948.

## Port Cargo Movements

Have you ever been curious about how international trade works? About the intricate systems that deliver everything from shoes and computers to auto parts and frozen seafood inside cargo shipping containers? The Port of Long Beach has developed a brochure to explain how cargo containers are used to transport goods through a complex global supply chain. The series, *Cargo Movement: In Focus*, is now available as a special feature on the Port of Long Beach's web site, [www.polb.com](http://www.polb.com).

## Hazardous Waste Roundup

Do your part to help the environment by safely disposing hazardous waste. Long Beach residents can drop off household hazardous- and electronic-waste free of charge at a countywide Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup on March 31, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis Street.

Hazardous materials such as used motor oil, turpentine, acid or lye-based cleaners, household and car batteries, pesticides, garden herbicides, and computers and televisions will be accepted at the cleanup. For more information, visit [www.longbeach-recycles.org](http://www.longbeach-recycles.org) or call 1.888.CLEAN LA.

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## Addressing Graffiti in Your Neighborhood

Graffiti reduces property values, diminishes the quality of life, decreases neighborhood pride and lowers business patronage. Neighborhoods that allow graffiti to remain tend to attract more crimes.

Addressing graffiti requires personal and City funds. Three City departments respond to calls made to the Graffiti Hotline. Community Development, through its contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings, addresses graffiti on private property accessible from a public right-of-way, such as the wall of a residence or garage, or businesses adjacent to a street or alley. Public Works addresses graffiti on public property and rights-of-way, except for parks and street medians, which are handled by Parks, Recreation and Marine. All telephone reports of graffiti are entered into one specialized database and forwarded to the appropriate City department or other agency.

### Here are some tips for addressing & preventing graffiti:

- Remove graffiti as quickly as possible
  - Make sure buildings and property have ample lighting
  - Use anti-graffiti coatings on walls, windows and other surfaces.
- Visit [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov) for more tips on how to reduce graffiti in your neighborhood.

### Save these important graffiti phone numbers:

- City of Long Beach Graffiti Abatement Hotline 570.2773
- Los Angeles County Graffiti Hotline 800.675.4357  
(includes flood control structures)
- Long Beach Free Paint Voucher Program 570.2773
- Long Beach Water Department's facilities and fire hydrants 570.2441
- CalTrans 310.342.6161

## IN THE NEWS

### Support Officer Wade & Officer Yap and the LBPOA Widows and Orphans Fund

You can help the Long Beach Police Officers Association in raising money to help injured officers Abe Yap and Roy Wade, Jr. To donate, make checks payable to LBPOA Widows & Orphans Fund and send to the LBPOA, 2865 Temple Ave., Long Beach, CA 90755. Visit [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov) for details.

### Neighborhood Libraries Expanding Hours

Beginning February 3, six libraries will be open an additional day. Five will be open Tuesday to Saturday: Alamitos, Bret Harte, Brewitt, Burnett and Dana. The sixth library, North Library, will be open Monday to Saturday. Hours at other libraries will be restored to 2003 service levels in April 2007. For more information, please call your local library or check the Library's website at [www.lbpl.org](http://www.lbpl.org).

### Smithsonian Week

#### **SPEAKOLOGY . . . the art of words, tales, songs, & secrets**

During the week of March 10 - 16, the Arts Council for Long Beach presents Smithsonian Week 2007, featuring Folklore Scholar Jim Garry, Storytelling Scholar Dovie Thomason, and Gospel Scholar Rickey Payton as guest lecturers at schools and free community events all week. Visit [www.smithsonianweek.com](http://www.smithsonianweek.com) for a complete listing of events. Advance reservations are required.

### Long Beach Reads One Book During March 18-25 Book Week

*The Greatest Generation*, Tom Brokaw's celebration of a generation that rose to meet the extraordinary challenges of World War II, is this year's selection for the Long Beach Public Library Foundation's sixth annual *Long Beach Reads One Book Week*. From March 18 - 25, readers throughout Long Beach will discuss the book at venues ranging from the Queen Mary and Cal State Long Beach, to book clubs and libraries. World War II veterans will visit high school classrooms and neighborhood libraries will hold special events. A free USO-type event aboard the Queen Mary on March 25 will be hosted by the Library Foundation, the Long Beach Symphony and the Historical Society. For information call 628.2441 or visit [www.lbplfoundation.org](http://www.lbplfoundation.org).

## Water Fair and Plant Sale

Long Beach City College Horticulture Program's

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